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Applicant(s): Edward W. MERRILL *et al.*

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Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR  
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to final Office Action mailed September 6, 2005 (Paper No. 20050819). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.

Applicants petition for a five-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extensions, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.